

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

V.M.L, A MINOR CHILD, ET AL	*	CASE NO. 1:25-CV-00550 SEC. P
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VERSUS	*	DISTRICT JUDGE DOUGHTY
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MELLISSA B. HARPER, ET AL	*	MAGISTRATE JUDGE PEREZ-MONTES

DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO SUBSTITUTE COUNSEL

COMES NOW, Defendants, Mellissa Harper, Kenneth Genalo, Todd Lyon, Krisi Noem, and Pamela Bondi, each in his or her official capacity, by and through Alexander C. Van Hook, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Louisiana, and Karen J. King, Assistant United States Attorney, and respectfully move the Court for an order directing that Karen J. King and Alanna T. Duong, of the United States' Office of Immigration Litigation, be substituted for Joseph McCarter and Bichngoc T. Do, as counsel for the Defendants in this proceeding.

1.

The Emergency Motion for Temporary Restraining Order filed in this matter is set for hearing before this honorable Court on May 16, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

2.

On April 25, 2025, attorneys Joseph McCarter and Bichngoc T. Do. each filed an Appearance of Counsel on behalf of Defendants [Docs. 3 and 4].

3.

Assistant United States Attorney Karen J. King should be substituted as lead trial counsel and can be noticed with pleadings and orders at 800 Lafayette Street, Suite 2200, Lafayette, LA 70501; Telephone: (337) 262-6618; Facsimile: (337) 262-6693; Email: karen.king@usdoj.gov.

4.

United States' Office of Immigration Litigation Attorney, Alanna T. Duong should be substituted as co-counsel and can be noticed with pleadings and orders at 450 5th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20530; Telephone: (202) 305-7040; Email: alanna.duong@usdoj.gov.

5.

Substitution of counsel will not delay the progress of this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, Defendant prays that this Honorable Court allow Karen J. King to be substituted as lead counsel and Alanna T. Duong as co-counsel and that representation by Joseph McCarter and Bichngoc T. Do be terminated as counsel of record for Defendants.

Respectfully Submitted,

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